

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 551

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Stephanie Fortner, 2007  
Valedictorian of Greenfield High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Fortner is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Greenfield High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Fortner has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Fortner has earned an exemplary grade point average and maintained perfect attendance while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, Student Council, yearbook staff, Youth for Christ, Business Professionals of America (BPA), the Science Fair, the Tennessee Scholars Program, and the Governor's School for the Humanities; she was also a Girls State Delegate, a Literacy Mentor with the Reading First Program, and a semi-finalist on a local game show for high school students, *Head to Head*; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Fortner has been voted "Most Dependable" by her classmates; received the Honor Roll award; included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and earned many honors in BPA competitions, including third place in extemporaneous speech and parliamentary procedure concepts, fifth in information technology concepts, and first in management/marketing/human resources; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Fortner is a member of Moore's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where she is active in the youth group and Women on Missions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fortner's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Lambuth University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fortner's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jean and Gary Fortner, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Fortner's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Greenfield High School Valedictorian, Stephanie Fortner, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.